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The references listed on Form PTO/SB/08a are cited in a Japanese Office Action dated February 4, 2009, in a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed, along with a Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).

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The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a was first cited in a communication mailed February 4, 2009, from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application not more than three months prior to the filing of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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